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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 41.6 degrees, 0.3 degrees above normal for the week ending November 16. Precipitation averaged 1.11 inches, 0.34 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 1 point below normal.

Reporters rated 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, November 14. This is 0.2 days more than last year but 1.4 days less than the 1998-2002 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 38 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

| | Current week | Previous week | Since 1 st week of April |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2003 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 129.3 |
| 2002 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 157.6 |
| 1998-2002 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 162.6 |

Topsoil Moisture

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Current Week | 0 | 1 | 61 | 38 |
| Last Week | 0 | 0 | 81 | 19 |
| Same Week Last Year | 7 | 19 | 63 | 11 |
| 1998-2002 Average | NA | NA | NA | NA |

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Farmers have 86 percent of **Corn** for grain harvested. This is five days behind 2002 and four days behind the 1998-2002 average. Producers have 99 percent of **Soybeans** harvested. This is seven days ahead of 2002 and the same as the five-year average. Ninety-nine percent of **Winter wheat** has emerged. This is seven days ahead of 2002 and three days ahead of the 1998-2002 average. Farmers have 83 percent of **Sugarbeets** harvested. The **Grape** harvest is 100 percent complete.

Rain once again reduced most field activities across the state of Ohio. Wednesday evening a cold front passed through the state bringing high winds and cooler temperatures. Tornadoes struck across Wayne county, Wednesday night and caused structural damage to buildings. Farmers continue having trouble with the corn harvest due to wet soils and high moisture content. The wet weather has also hampered fall tillage and fertilizer applications.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Winter wheat was rated at 82 percent good to excellent condition. The high winds caused some damage to corn in isolated areas. Livestock are in good condition, with many still grazing pastures.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

| Crop | 2003 | 2002 | 1998-02 Average | Previous Week | |
|--------------------------|------|------|-----------------|---------------|------|
| | | | | Ohio | U.S. |
| Corn harvested for grain | 86 | 90 | 91 | 74 | 91 |
| Grapes harvested | 100 | 100 | 100 | 95 | NA |
| Soybeans harvested | 99 | 96 | 98 | 96 | 95 |
| Sugarbeets harvested | 83 | 100 | NA | 77 | NA |
| Winter wheat emerged | 99 | 97 | 97 | 94 | 84 |

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

| WINTER WHEAT | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Current Week | 0 | 2 | 16 | 63 | 19 |
| Previous Week | 1 | 3 | 20 | 60 | 16 |
| Previous Year | 0 | 2 | 22 | 56 | 20 |

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

| Region | Temperature | | Precipitation | | | | Growing Degree Days ^{1/} | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| | Last Week | Dev. | Last Week | Dev. | Since Apr.1 | Dev. | Last Week | Dev. | Since Apr.1 | Dev. |
| Northwest | 40.6 | 0.8 | 0.44 | -0.25 | 32.40 | 7.56 | 15 | 3 | 3044 | -102 |
| North Central | 40.7 | 0.2 | 0.64 | -0.08 | 31.19 | 5.45 | 13 | 0 | 3032 | -69 |
| Northeast | 41.0 | 0.6 | 0.87 | -0.01 | 37.06 | 9.41 | 11 | -2 | 2785 | -140 |
| West Central | 41.8 | 0.8 | 0.86 | 0.08 | 36.20 | 9.68 | 17 | 1 | 3227 | -69 |
| Central | 41.7 | 0.2 | 1.07 | 0.24 | 35.61 | 8.56 | 17 | -0 | 3286 | -54 |
| Central Hills | 40.5 | 0.1 | 0.85 | 0.06 | 34.85 | 7.61 | 14 | -1 | 3032 | -53 |
| Northeast Hills | 40.7 | -0.5 | 0.90 | 0.12 | 35.86 | 8.75 | 12 | -5 | 3074 | -62 |
| Southwest | 42.7 | 0.2 | 1.54 | 0.73 | 35.34 | 7.09 | 20 | 0 | 3431 | -69 |
| South Central | 43.8 | 0.4 | 2.17 | 1.50 | 38.89 | 11.99 | 22 | -3 | 3542 | -27 |
| Southeast | 41.9 | -0.1 | 1.50 | 0.72 | 35.84 | 8.61 | 17 | -4 | 3274 | -66 |
| STATE | 41.6 | 0.3 | 1.11 | 0.34 | 35.36 | 8.51 | 16 | -1 | 3190 | -71 |

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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